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# NEWS-LETTER

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DECEMBER 1, 1913.

**PAMPHLET.**—With this issue of the *News-Letter* we publish a pamphlet supplying official information concerning a large number of organizations interested in inter-racial amity. The title of the pamphlet is *Organizations Promoting Inter-Racial Friendliness*. We hope that this document will interest our supporters, and that its publication may eventually lead to some form of co-operation between the organizations referred to. May we urge our readers to supply us with official information regarding similar organizations not reported on in our pamphlet?

**CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT.**—The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace has recognized the value of our labours by granting us a subvention of 1,000 frcs., roughly £40. We trust that this will be an additional stimulus for our supporters to subscribe to our funds. It is a distinct privilege to co-operate in an endeavour to bring reason and fellow-feeling to bear on a world-wide issue, where at present unreason and callousness largely dominate.

**SECOND CONFERENCE.**—At the meeting of the Executive Council, held on November 20, the Right Hon. Lord Weardale in the chair, it was decided that arrangements for the Second Conference to be held in 1915 be taken in hand forthwith. The Council favoured Paris as the meeting-place. In connection with preparing the way for this Conference, the Hon. Secretary is to visit early next spring the capitals of France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Hungary, Germany, Holland, and Belgium, in order to promote the formation of active, and if possible permanent, national committees. All members in those countries will be duly informed of the date of his visit; but even now we should be glad to hear of supporters who may be willing to co-operate in making the visit advantageous. The following Draft Programme, the underlying idea of which is that the

Second Conference should primarily seek to consolidate the Movement in favour of inter-racial concord, was submitted to the Council Meeting by the Hon. Secretary :—

#### Half-day Sessions.

1. Opening Ceremony ; the Principles of the World Conference Movement.
2. Race Discrimination in Legislation and Administration ; Facts and Remedies.
3. The Ethics of Colonization and the Protection of Primitive and Subject Peoples.
4. The Training and Enlightenment of Officials employed in the Colonial and Foreign Services, at home and abroad.
5. Methods of Promoting an Amicable Inter-Racial Spirit in the Universities and in the Press.
6. Co-operation of Organizations interested in Friendship among Peoples.
7. Establishment of World Conference Branches universally, and of a Central Inter-Racial Concord Bureau.
8. Business Meeting ; the Strengthening of International Law.

Seeing the importance of making the Second Conference a thorough success, we trust that supporters will freely and without delay communicate to us suggestions on the subject of the Programme, or on any other matter relating to the Second Conference. Recent events are emphasizing the need of a great world-movement which shall check the deplorable spirit of race antagonism and race discrimination which so widely prevails at the present moment.

**THE BALKANS.**—On November 4 copies of the following letter, identical in form, were sent to the Prime Ministers of Bulgaria, Greece, Montenegro, Rumania, Servia, and Turkey. We trust that favourable replies will be received :—

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Your Excellency will see from the enclosed Report that our organization represents in its aims the body of leading personalities in the world of politics and of thought. Indeed, of the six Powers involved in the recent conflict in the Balkans, four—Bulgaria, Greece, Servia, Turkey—were officially represented at the Congress, while His Majesty the King of Rumania honoured the Congress with a friendly message, and His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Montenegro inscribed himself as a member.

Representing thus the modern spirit at its best, we beg to approach you with an earnest request. Over two thousand years ago the great Indian moral reformer, Gautama Buddha, said that “hatred does not cease by hatred—hatred ceases by love”; and in asserting this he expressed an immutable truth of human nature, as valid in his day as in our own.

Without, therefore, going into questions which have now been settled by treaties, we would strongly urge that those whose allegiance has been transferred from one Power to another should be treated with impartial justice. More especially we would ask : (a) that the religious opinions and practices of all should be thoroughly respected and protected ; (b) that local customs should not be interfered with ; (c) that differences of race or original nationality should form no ground for legal or administrative discrimination ; and (d) that the whole spirit of the new *régime* should be such as to ensure that all within the borders of your country be treated alike and fairly, whatever their race, their nationality, their creed, their politics, or their customs.



We trust that we may receive re-assuring replies to the above four points (a) to (d). We hope to send these replies—together with copies of this letter—to our supporters, and also to publish them broadcast in order to allay the disquieting feeling which prevails universally on the topic of this letter.

Thanking you in anticipation for an early reply,

I remain,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(Signed) G. SPILLER,  
*Hon Secretary.*

His Excellency the Prime Minister of [Bulgaria],  
[Sofia],  
[Bulgaria].

P.S.—Identical letters are being despatched simultaneously to [Athens, Belgrade, Bucharest, Cettinje, and Constantinople]; and copies of them to the other Powers.

SCHOOLS.—The following two letters have been received recently :—

MINISTÈRE DE L'INSTRUCTION PUBLIQUE.

Constantinople, le 2 Nov., 1913.

MONSIEUR,

J'ai l'honneur de vous accuser réception de votre lettre du 24 Oct.; et je m'empresse de vous faire savoir, que, depuis que je suis au Ministère, c'est seulement maintenant que je prends connaissance des vœux et propositions formulés par votre Congrès Universel des Races.

En vous remerciant de votre communication, je consents volontiers à répandre ces idées dans les écoles de l'Empire.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Secrétaire, l'assurance de ma haute considération.

MINISTRE DE L'INSTRUCTION PUBLIQUE DE TURQUIE

(Signed) A. CHUKRI BEY.

MINISTERO DELL' ISTRUZIONE.

Il Ministro.

18. Nov., 1913.

EGREGIO SIGNORE,

ho appreso col più vivo compiacimento il voto formulato dal Congresso delle razze, di cui Ella è Segretario, per segnalare ai Ministri di pubblica istruzione la grande importanza di combattere gli inveterati pregiudizi di razza, ma sono pur lieto di dichiarar Le che al concetto di così evidente necessità, è pienamente conforme lo spirito educativo delle nostre scuole.

Con la migliore stima

(Signed) CRENARO.

MINISTERS OF COLONIES.—Following up our educational propaganda, we have sent letters to Ministers responsible for Colonies. These letters are almost identical in form with the ones transmitted to Ministers of Education except for the following paragraph :—

The Congress earnestly hoped that Ministers would co-operate by agreeing to provide that those preparing to enter the Colonial Service (either at the Colonial Office or in the Colonies) should make a sympathetic study of the character and civilizations of other peoples, in order to rid themselves of any narrow and baneful prejudices which they may possess. Unless such a course be adopted it is almost impossible to avoid lamentable misunderstandings and grave injustices in the governance and administration of Colonies.

We hope our supporters will do their utmost to second us in our educational propaganda.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.—In June last the Hon. Secretary attended the Second World Conference of International Associations at Brussels, where he read a paper on "An International Conduct-Rule."

ADDRESSES.—Will supporters kindly enter the name of our organization in their address-book, and let us regularly know of any change in their address?